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REMARKS:

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that CIA made it clear at the outset that the OSS Archives could not be open to him. However, he has interviewed or corresponded with about 200 OSS alumni on various aspects of their service. In addition, he has told me that he has seen several archives of OSS documents in private institutions. Specifically, there appears to be a rather large collection of classified OSS documents which were presented to the Hoover Institution at Stanford by Colonel Preston Goodfellow under seal until 1980. Goodfellow has assured me (and Hoover has told DCS) that they remain under seal. Smith found a way around the restriction, for he quotes extensively from the Goodfellow papers. The Hoover Institution also has Leland Rounds' OSS papers, and I do not believe that they carry any restriction. In the course of writing his book, Mr. Smith talked with John Bross who, in turn, passed him on to Larry Houston and me. I gave him some unclassified bibliographical help.

3. Smith's book on OSS is the most complete and comprehensive work on that subject, and it will presumably be reviewed as such. Unfortunately, it is not the book we would hope to find as a definitive work on OSS. In the first place, Smith's thesis is that OSS was an undisciplined

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SOC. 4. 01. 2-0SS: The
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forthcoming Book Entitled OSS: The Secret History of America's First Central Intelligence Agency by Richard Harris Smith

For information only to invite your attention to book entitled OSS: The Secret History of Intelligence Agency (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1972) by Richard Harris Smith. Smith was employed by Central Intelligence Agency as a Watch Office analyst in RID. He felt this work was not to his liking either. He resigned from

University of California at Berkeley to write his book on OSS. He notes in his preface